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North Hill Golf Fee Increase Proposed

The North Hill advisory committee has recommended increasing all fees at the 9-hole course, from individual and family memberships to daily greens fees.

Those who pay by the round at the town-owned course will pay an additional \$1 per round if the fee proposal is approved. Annual membership fees would rise by as much as \$100.

Director Gordon Cushing said the proposed fees are

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"reasonable within the golf industry and competitive within our market."

Johnson Turf and Golf Management, the company which manages the course for the town, took in about \$100,000 in membership fees this year, about 25 percent of the \$400,000 in total receipts that the course is expected to generate at the end of the year.

Under a contract signed earlier this year, Johnson will pay the town \$120,000 annually for 3 years. Eight years ago, the town earned \$20,000 annually from North Hill.

Johnson will realize added revenues of about \$19,000 next year if the proposed fees are adopted.

The proposal calls for the weekday greens fee for 9 holes to rise from \$11 to \$12 and the weekday greens fee for 18 holes to rise from \$18 to \$19.

The weekend greens fee for 9 holes would rise from \$13 to \$14 and the weekend greens fee for 18 holes would rise from \$21 to \$22.

Membership fees proposed are:

- Resident family \$950, a \$100 increase.
- Non-resident family \$1,145, a \$50 increase.
- Adult resident \$635, a \$35 increase.
- Adult non-resident \$885, a \$35 increase.
- Senior resident \$585, a \$35 increase.
- Senior non-resident \$785, a \$35 increase.
- Senior resident, weekdays only \$680, a \$55 increase.

• Junior resident \$175, a \$50 increase.

• Junior non-resident \$300, a \$50 increase.

• The charges for renting a golf cart would remain unchanged: \$12 for 9 holes; \$24 for 18.

Some 240 memberships were sold this year, including 112 for individual adults and seniors and 109 for junior residents, younger than 18.

Ten resident and 7 non-resident family memberships were sold.